

## Meeting Idaho's Energy Needs Today and Into the Future

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#### **Presentation Content**

- Electric Planning: Idaho Power's Integrated Resource Plan
- Siting high voltage transmission lines

## **Integrated Resource Planning**

 Utility Commission requirement by the early 1990s



## Plan Objectives: 1 of 4

 Acquire sufficient resources to meet customer demand



## Plan Objectives: 2 of 4

- Give equal and balanced treatment to both:
  - Supply-side
  - Demand-side



## Plan Objectives: 3 of 4

- Ensure that the resource portfolio balances:
  - cost
  - risk
  - environment



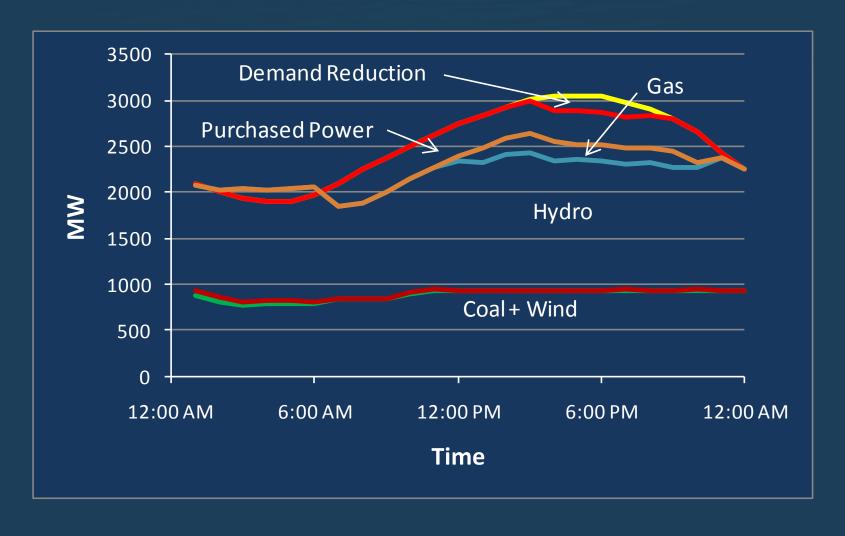
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 Conduct a meaningful public process



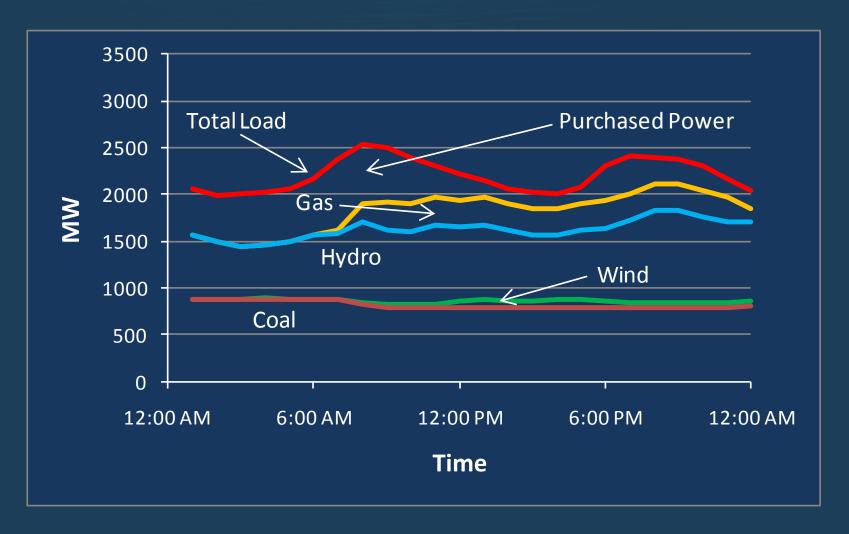
#### **Idaho Power Summer Load**

**July 17, 2009 (Friday, Boise high = 101°)** 

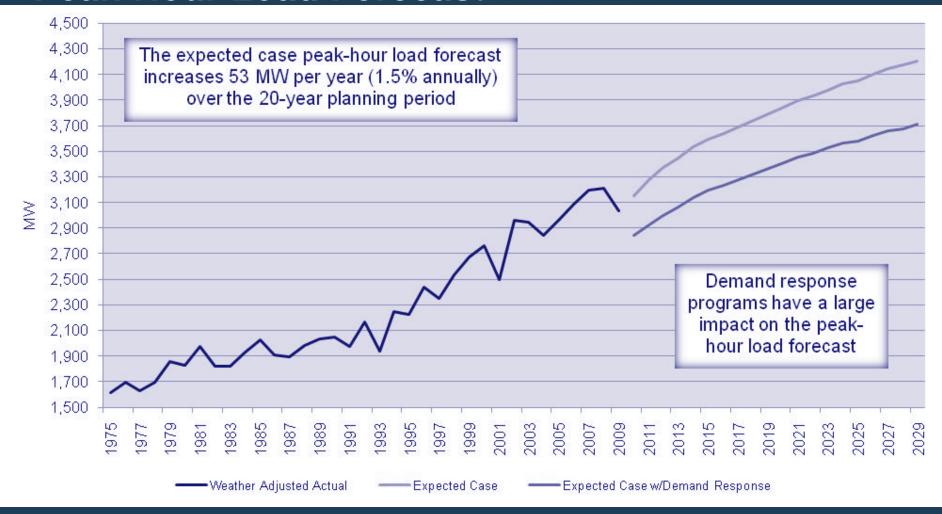


#### **Idaho Power Winter Load**

December 10, 2009 (Thursday, Boise high = 19°, Low = 0°)



#### **Peak-Hour Load Forecast**



#### **Demand Response Programs**

- Peak Reduction–500 MW
  - AC Cool Credit
  - Agricultural Irrigation Peak Rewards
  - Flex-peak Management for commercial business

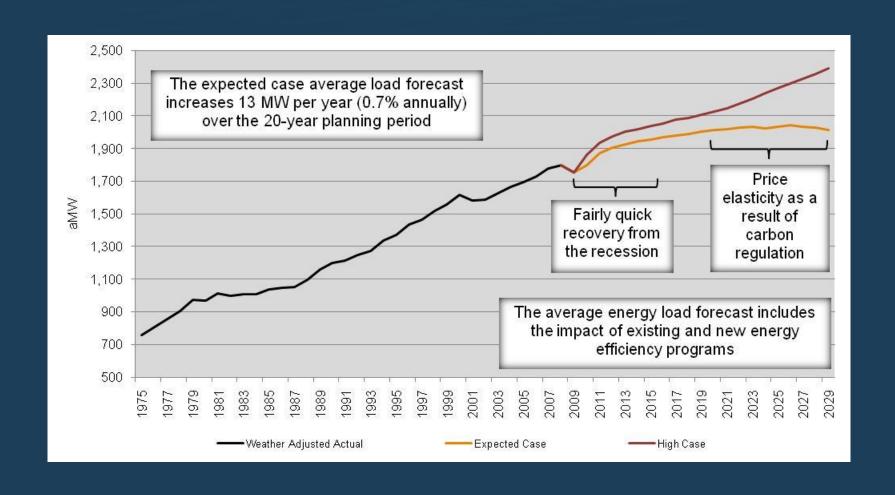


## "Why is a Utility Paying Customers?"



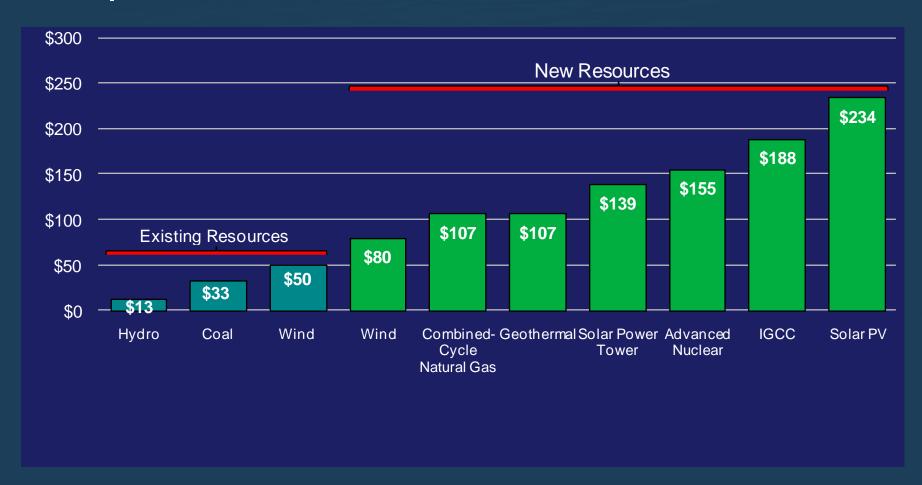
The New York Times
January 24, 2010

### **Average Energy Load Forecast**



#### **Generation Cost**

#### Dollars per MWh



#### 2009 IRP Preferred Portfolio

- 2012 Wind 150 MW

  Langley Gulch 300 MW

  Geothermal 20 MW
- 2015 Shoshone Falls 49 MW

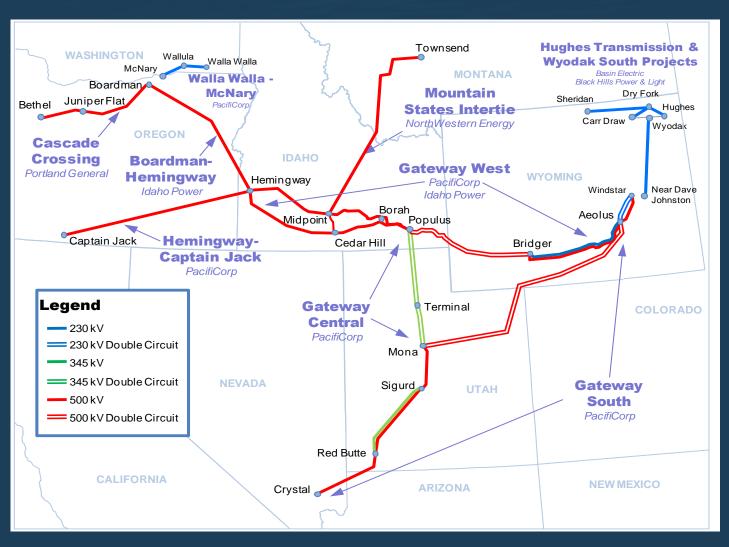
  Boardman to Hemingway –
  250 MW
- **2016** Geothermal 20 MW
- 2017 Boardman to Hemingway 175 MW



### **IRP Summary**

- The 2009 IRP load forecast projects a fairly quick rebound from the recession and long-term reduced use per customer in response to higher rates
- The 2009 IRP anticipates a federal RES and the preferred portfolio is designed to provide renewable energy credits to be compliant
- The Boardman to Hemingway portfolio outperforms the option of building additional gas plants locally

## **Regional Transmission Planning Northern Tier Transmission Group**

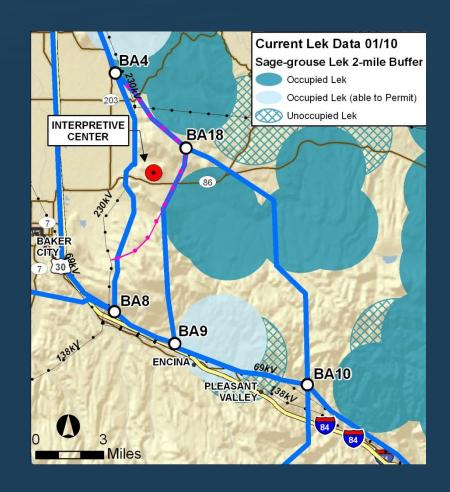


# Transmission Siting and Environmental Effects

- Avoid impacts through routing and siting
- Minimization measures
  - Conform with state-wide plans
  - Implement environmental protection measures
- Implement spatial and temporal restrictions
- Mitigate direct and indirect impacts
  - Mitigation banking
  - In lieu of fee program
  - Manage mitigation lands

## **Boardman to Hemingway**

- Siting Issues
  - Public vs. Private Concerns
- Baker City
  - Viewshed from Oregon TrailInterpretive Center
  - Sage grouse leks
  - Private property
    - Irrigated agriculture
    - Residential development



#### **More Information**

- Idaho Power IRP
  - www.idahopower.com/2009IRP
- Boardman to Hemingway
  - www.boardmantohemingway.com
- Gateway West
  - www.gatewaywestproject.com
  - www.wy.blm.gov/nepa/cfodocs/gateway\_west/index.php